



The Arizona Center for Innovation

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Remarks by Gov. Jan Brewer

I'm delighted to be here this afternoon.

The Center for Innovation is truly the engine that will power us into Arizona's second century.

It's the HEART of our future.

This business incubator will allow us to create an environment for innovation, attracting companies devoted to the development of technologies – whether it's information, environmental, life sciences, optics, or something else.

In short, this is where innovation is turned into successful businesses.

I am here today to help ensure that success continues.

We must work together so our vital high-tech industries remain healthy, and we must ensure our state is positioned to attract new programs in the future.

With this Center for Innovation, we are on the right path to expanding this critical component of Arizona's economy.

You know as well as I do that to be successful in the global marketplace – and here at home -- we have to be smarter, and more aggressive than the other guys.

That requires -- more involvement.

It requires -- more collaboration.

It requires -- better infrastructure.

And, it requires better education.

And I intend to deliver on every single one of those.

So, I come today to award the Center for Innovation \$1.5 million in stimulus funds – to be distributed for the Shared Laboratory Equipment Growth Initiative; the Mentor-in Residence Program, and the Commercialization Training Program.

I am also here today to announce the launching of an exciting new website developed by the talented people at our new Commerce Authority.

The tools on this website provide access to a wide range of business development resources, programs and services that allow new technology businesses in Arizona to take root and grow.

Called “Innovation Arizona,” the website connects to comprehensive resources, providing commercialization assistance and creating a network of business support services that greatly improve the chances for start-up success and growth; and provide intensive hands-on assistance to entrepreneurs.

Study after study has shown that incubators -- such as this marvelous facility -- are essential components of high-tech success; -- setting in motion – as the Milken Institute determined last year -- a dynamic that can drive an entire regional economy.

So, thank you again for allowing me to spend some time with you today, and a chance to see this wonderful facility close-up.

God bless you, God bless The Arizona Center for Innovation, and God bless the great state of Arizona.

Thank you.